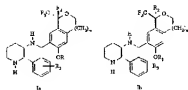


**[PROCESS FOR THE
PREPARATION OF
PIPERIDINYLAMINOMETHYL
TRIFLUOROMETHYL CYCLIC
ETHER COMPOUNDS]**

-- Abstract of Disclosure

The present invention relates to a novel process for the preparation of a diastereomeric mixture of piperidinylaminomethyl trifluoromethyl cyclic ether compounds of formulae Ia and Ib:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein R¹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl; R² is C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl or phenyl or substituted phenyl; R³ is hydrogen or halo; m is zero, one or two, and wherein said mixture is highly enriched in the compound of formula Ia, and

to novel processes for the preparation and purification of intermediate compounds useful in the preparation of compounds of formulae Ia and Ib.

